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ASSOCIATED REACTORINFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention, concurrently filed application Attorney Docket No. PET 1946, entitled "Device For Injecting A Fluid Located Between Two Successive Beds To Simultaneously Produce And Distribute A Polyphase Mixture", based on French Application 00/10.693 filed August 17, 2000.

Included with the attached Form PTO-1449 is a French Search Report relating to the corresponding French application and a copy of the reference cited therein, which have been classified as A (document of relevance against at least one claim or document defining the general state of the art) and X (document of particular relevance when it is taken alone).

The Examiner is courteously requested to consider this references in accordance with Patent and Trademark Office policy, as set forth in the paragraph bridging pages 600-67 and 600-68 of M.P.E.P. 03, Rev. 14, November 1992, which states:

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This information is being submitted prior to receipt of the first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee is required. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3).

Respectfully submitted,



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